

Kate Muehling on Andromeda Weeps

KRZYSZTOF GORNY



ANDROMEDA WEEPS (cont.)

on the left wall, to the left of a cedar tree.

P2. WI2+ 20m.

Usually snowy and not so fun. Climb it for full value. Be careful, knocking ice off this pitch will probably bomb your belayer.

FA: Shaun Parent and Paul Dedi, 1983

49.366424, -88.123307
km 19.6 / mile 12.2

STARQUAKE WI5 70m

This climb, just to the right of Andromeda Weeps, is steeper and more difficult. It forms up completely only in a good year. The free-standing pillar is the crux.

P1. WI5 50m. Start at lower right, traverse up and left to the base of the pillar, then straight up. Above the crux you can trend to the left where the angle lessens a bit.

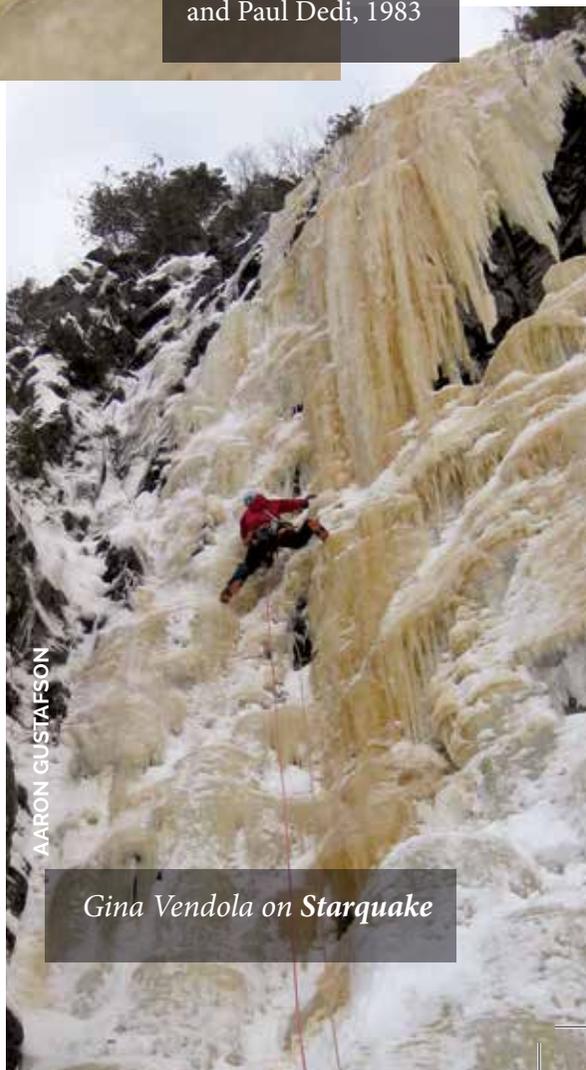
P2. WI3 20m. Continue up the brushy gully to the top. As on Andromeda Weeps, the second pitch is not as fun.

FA: Mike Dahlberg and F. Porez, 1984

49.366245, -88.12371
km 19.6 / mile 12.2

The Frigid Resonator WI4 60m

Immediately to the right of Starquake.
FA: Mike Dahlberg, Lee Saroka and R. Allen, 1985



AARON GUSTAFSON

Gina Vendola on Starquake

NICK BUDA

49.364189,
-88.125741
km 19.1/mile 11.8

ROAD TO NOWHERE

M10 35m

This route starts from the anchors at the top of Going Nowhere Fast, the very noticeable ramp below the huge roof system. The overhanging and blocky nature of this route necessitates fixed draws, as it is impossible to clean draws when lowering. It is permanently equipped with eleven stainless steel wire fixed draws and a top anchor.

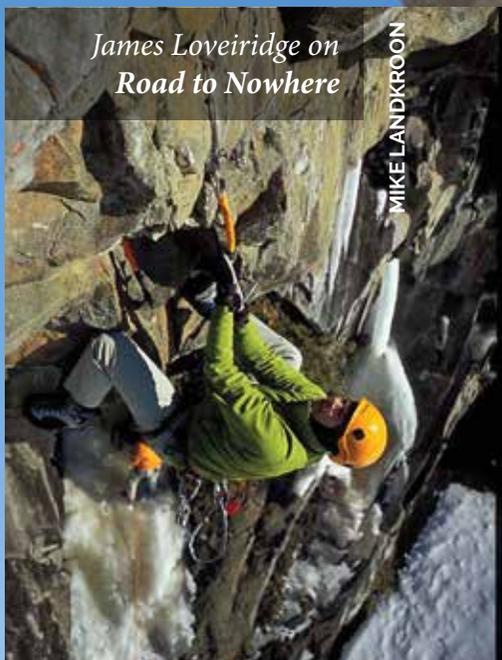
P1. WI2+ 25m. Climb Going Nowhere Fast to the bolted belay station.

P2. Climb up and out, arcing left into ever-steepening terrain. There is a slight recovery stance on a vertical section just before you bust out to do the roof. Commit to a hold way out in the middle of the roof and pull the lip to get established on the slightly overhanging headwall. Climb the headwall on tenuous holds to the anchor.

A 60m rope is long enough to lower a lead climber to the ground from the belay at the top of P1. The belayer then can pull the rope and rappel down the ice ramp.

This route was equipped by James Loveridge, who says: *Even though this route is a bit contrived as has almost no ice climbing (after the approach pitch anyway) and ends in the middle of nowhere, it is still an excellent gymnastic outing with precise and sequential moves on good rock with lots of exposure. And, the fixed draws mean you can bail at any point. So just go up there and givèr!*

FA: Adam Dailey, Ice Fest 2012



James Loveiridge on
Road to Nowhere

MIKE LANDKROON

49.364189, -88.125741 km 19.1 / mile 11.8

Going Nowhere Fast WI2+ 25m

This is the short, low-angle ramp below the huge roof of Road to Nowhere.

FA: J. Edlin and Mike Dahlberg, 1987

49.364189, -88.125741 km 19.1 / mile 11.8

Arriving Somewhere Slowly WI3 15m

FA: Shaun Parent and B. Jenkins, 1987

49.364189, -88.125741 km 19.1 / mile 11.8

Will the Wolf Survive WI4+ 120m

FA: Derek Patola and Brandon Pullan, Dec. 2005

49.362882, -88.128376 19.0 km / mile 11.9

Time Well Wasted WI5 60m

This rare line is located in the cleft of a huge right-facing dihedral, but forms only in the best ice years. Climb snowy ramps to the WI5 ribbon. The name comes from a Canadian cable show of the same name that we happened to catch that same weekend.

FA: Dave Rone and Eric Landmann,
Dec. 2005

49.362046, -88.125037

19.0 km / mile 11.9

Psychotic Episode WI6 55m

Located about 50m right (south) of Time Well Wasted; a start on a medium-angle ramp to a 2m column, then a rising leftward traverse on very thin ice.

FA: Dave Rone and Eric Landmann,
Dec. 2005

TEARS OF JOY AREA

49.361184, -88.125584

18.9 km / mile 11.8

TEARS OF JOY WI3+ 80m

One of the most impressive, aesthetic routes in the Orient Bay corridor, Tears of Joy is difficult to see while driving north. But it can't help but grab your attention when you turn around at the end of the valley and drive south. Its two large tiers form one of the definite must-climb routes in Orient Bay.

*Tears of Joy as seen
driving south.*



ERIC LANDMANN

P1. WI3+ 30m. Climb the moderately steep wall any way that looks good (usually on the left). Past the steep part, head into the (typically very snowy) bowl to a large tree and belay there.

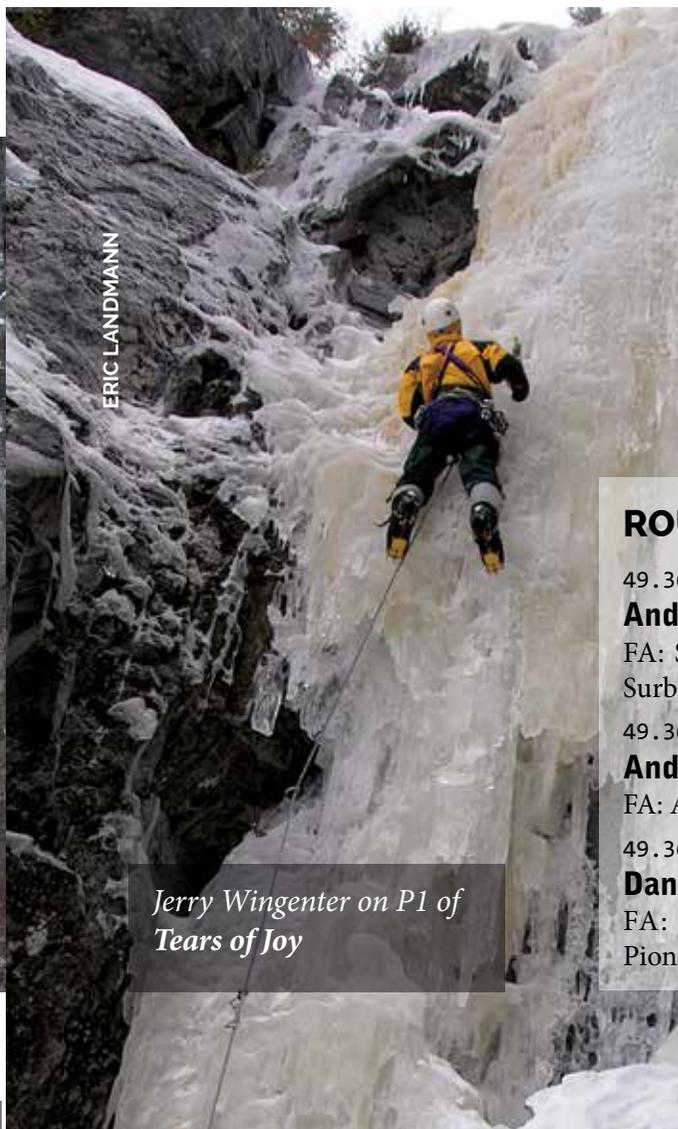
P2. WI3+ 50m. Usually the route forms wide far to the right and you have to go quite a ways across to get to the ice. It gets steeper and a bit bumpy, but the hard part isn't too long. The ice is almost always excellent quality. In a good year you can climb the headwall above and to the right of the belay, heading right at the top. Rappel from slings around the tree.

FA: Shaun Parent and Paul Dedi, 1983



BURT LINDQUIST

Eric Landmann on P2 of Tears of Joy



ERIC LANDMANN

Jerry Wingenter on P1 of Tears of Joy

ROUTES NEARBY

49.361184, -88.125584

Andy-Ho WI3+ 30m

FA: Shaun Parent and Andrew Surbor, March 1999

49.361184, -88.125584

Andrew's Icewall WI4 25m

FA: Andrew Surbor, March 1999

49.361184, -88.125584

Danny-Ho WI3+ 30m

FA: Shaun Parent and Dan Pionk, April 1999

49.357981, -88.127558 18.8 km / mile 11.7

SYCHO ICYCHO WI2+ 50–60m

Another one of Orient Bay's classic routes, notable because it is pale blue in color, wide and rolling, and just really fun to climb. You can't easily see the route driving north as it is up high on the cliff, but turning around at the end of the valley and driving south it becomes very obvious. Parking is tricky here. It is best to park on the right (east) side of the road while heading north. You will have to dig into the snowbank to get far enough off the road.

Several easy WI2 ramps make it an excellent place to take beginners due to the easy access of scrambling around the right side to set up ice-anchor topropes. The climb is wide so it can support several parties simultaneously. There are rappel slings around several trees at the top.

From the top you can see Lake Nipigon, about 3 km to the northwest. The upper part of this route can catch some wind and be pretty cold if there is a wind coming off the lake.

FA: Shaun Parent and Joanne Murphy, 1983

STEVE BEHREND

km 18.6 / mile 11.6

Half & Half WI3 15m

A stupid, short inside corner.

FA: Bob Kelly, Eric Landmann, Steve Behrend, Steve Tayler, 1992.

Curly WI2+ 20m

FA: Shaun Parent, 1986